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CARRANZA MAY CLOSE TIA JUANA TRACK

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The big Tia Juana racing plant, owned by A. B. Spreckles, J. W. Coffroth and other San Francisco capitalists is to be closed by Provisional President Carranza, according to a telegram received from Mexico City today by Senator Seguin, Mexican vice consul here.

The telegram came from the Mexican State Department. Tia Juana is just across the line in Mexico from San Diego. The track was scheduled to open for a meet on New Year's Day.

To Play Michigan.
St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that Washington University will play the University of Michigan football team at Ann Arbor on November 4, 1916.

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TO TAKE UP PROTEST OF CARROLL INSTITUTE

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—The registration committee of the South Atlantic Association of the A. A. U. will meet on Monday evening, January 3, at 8 p. m., to hear from the Baltimore members in regard to the Carroll Institute's protest of the cross-country race being too short. The meeting will be held at 501 Garrett Building. The members of the registration committee are Dr. William Burdick, chairman; Joseph J. Nettleton, and Charles J. Dean.

Baseball Players Retire.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Otis Clymer and Dave Altizer today announced their retirement from baseball, to engage in business. Altizer played with the Chicago White Sox.

JACK DUNN TO PILOT BALTIMORE CLUB

Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.—Jack Dunn will not return to Richmond next year, according to a statement from an authentic source. Richmond will not be without International League ball, however, but will have the Jersey City franchise transferred here, while Dunn will manage the Baltimore Club.

WINNER SAYS HE'S THROUGH WITH GAME

Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—President Gwiner, of the Pittsburgh Feds, today declared that so far as he knows he is through with baseball. Gwiner denied he would go to Cleveland to discuss a deal for the purchase of the American League club there.

WHY FEDS FAILED

The following table shows how much salary some of the players received under organized baseball and what the Federal League paid them:

Player	Organized	Federal
Trinker	\$5,500	\$12,000
Campbell	3,500	7,500
Cooper	3,500	7,500
Falkenberg	4,000	7,500
Kauf	3,000	6,000
Seaton	3,000	7,500
Cline	4,000	5,000

Football Rules Committee.

No date has as yet been fixed for the annual meeting of the football rules committee, but it is expected that the conference of the gridiron solons will be held early in February. No radical changes are planned in the playing code, and the entire work of the committee is likely to be completed in one afternoon and evening session.

FED PLAYERS TO BE SOLD ON JANUARY 3

New York, Dec. 30.—The Giants and Yankees today were growing competitors in the pursuit of Federal League players. Interest centered in the Cincinnati meeting of January 3, when the Federal League staffs will be disposed of. The Yankees today were said to have big for one or more players from each of the outlaw clubs and the Giants also made heavy drafts on the Federal League.

Other clubs of both circuits were sure to be on hand with hunting artillery, primed with gilded shekels, but none as yet has shown the anxiety that Col. Huston, of the Yanks, and John McGraw have to buy a few new ones.

Judge Landis Held Back Decision to Save Game

Opinion Would Have Hurt Both Organized Ball and Feds
Had It Been Rendered Last Spring.
Other Sporting Gossip.

By WILLIAM FEET.

According to Horace Fogel, former manager of the Philadelphia Nationals, Federal Judge Landis withheld his decision of the celebrated case Federal League vs. Organized Baseball simply to give the warring factions plenty of time to bury the hatchet.

Judge Landis is said to have informed baseball magnates of both leagues that if a decision was demanded shortly after the evidence had been presented both sides would be hurt, and being a loyal fan, the judge did not want to see the national game injured in any possible way.

Fogel, in a newspaper article, goes on to say, in part: "Inasmuch as it has been known on the inside of baseball for at least the last six months why this decision has been held back, it is surprising that the reason for it has never leaked out. I was told about it as far back as last June and in turn have explained it personally in conversations to a number of people."

"E. W. Steininger," one of the stockholders of the St. Louis Feds and the first president of that club, came to Philadelphia last June and called on me, and during our conversation the subject of the Federal League was discussed."

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The National League and National Commission meetings in Cincinnati will be postponed, it was said today, until after the Federal League peace committee and the National Commission, in the January 3 meeting dispose finally of all details of the peace plan. This was believed to indicate the commission might later raise the player limit to accommodate the floods of ball players whose clubs will be absorbed.

organized baseball to exist, but said that both were illegal.

"He did not want to give such a decision to knock out professional baseball and of course Johnson and Comiskey did not want him to give it. We were in the same boat. He told Weeghman the ten-day release clause was just as necessary for the Federal League as for the other side and of course we could not deny it. That is why we subsequently put an option clause in our contracts which was somewhat different from the reserve clause and which we hoped would stand a test in the courts."

"Both sides then agreed in asking Judge Landis to hold back his decision, at least for the time being. That was done to give both sides a chance to get in touch with their respective interests and talk the situation over."

It was the impending decision in this suit, which the Feds held over the heads of organized baseball for nearly a year and which, no doubt, had much to do with the O. B. leaders seeking peace. The people having their money invested in baseball could not have such a decision rendered, as it would have killed their business. They were therefore most fortunate in having the case tried before a judge who is a great lover of the game, and who was in no hurry handing down his decision.

Pitcher Joe Engel, who has just returned from a lengthy hunting trip in Reel Foot Lake, vouchsafes the information that Joe Cantillon, manager of the Minneapolis club of American Association and former Washington pilot, had been asked for his terms by Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and that Cantillon could have had a National League club to manage had he said the word.

"Nothing doing—I am satisfied with my present job," Cantillon is said to have telegraphed Dreyfuss.

Hoffman Engaged.

The Durham club, of the North Carolina League, has engaged as team manager for next season, R. C. ("Dutch") Hoffman, for two years a player with the Jacksonville South Atlantic League team, and last season with Richmond in the International League.

GOOD MORNING

Nobody Has Any Use for a Man
with a Chronic Grouch.
Cheer Up and Smile.

By BILL FEET.

—Start the New Year right by not making any resolutions.

—Let's hope they don't wipe Cleveland off the baseball map, for that's one club the Nationals always could beat.

—Joe Engel says they gotta stop kiddin' him about his batting average. According to Joe, there is a surprise in store for the "knockers" when the American Association records are made public.

—Why not bring the "Mashed Marrow" down here and match him with Louis Zerk's "mashed" team?

—Tommy Lowe says that half the crowd goes out to Ardmore to see him get licked and the other half to see him win, any time he is scheduled to swap punches in the prize ring.

—How about a little chess news? Where are the "cheesers" these days; where are they?

—"Mickey" Kellner says he don't care how many ball players are on the market. "They can't keep me down. I'll hook-up with some good club next season," he adds.

—That wailing sound from the vicinity of Baltimore is not the wind sobbing through the trees, but the cries of Baltimore Fed stockholders. Wonder how much this stock can be bought for today?

—Read the Sunday Herald sport section for exclusive features and live up-to-date news.

DOUGHER RE-ELECTED.

Again Heads Local Chapter of Baseball Writers' Association.
Washington chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America met in the office of the local baseball club yesterday afternoon and re-elected as the Capital representative Louis A. Dougher, of the Washington Times.

Business of a routine nature was transacted. The following were present: Louis A. Dougher, Thomas Kirby, Arthur Baer, Stanley T. Milliken, Alfred Stern, John A. Dugan, and William Feet.

To Care for 304 Players.

New York, Dec. 30.—James A. Glimore, president of the defunct Federal League, declares that the peace terms between organized baseball call for the reinstatement of 304 players and twenty umpires. All of these, of course, will not be seen in the big show in 1916.

Tillinghast Golf Gambols and Bushnell's Comment Will be Features of Sunday's Sporting Pages